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2006 Udall Fellows Announced

Terrence L. Bracy, Chairman of the Board of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, has announced that two Ph.D. candidates have been selected as 2006 Udall Dissertation Fellows. The Fellows were selected by an independent review committee of environmental scholars and professionals.

The Udall Dissertation Fellowship is awarded to outstanding doctoral candidates who have achieved distinction in their scholarly research and who are entering the final year of writing the dissertation. The dissertation topic must be significant and relevant to national environmental public policy and/or environmental conflict resolution. The award covers both academic and living expenses up to \$24,000 for the year.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. The Foundation is supported by a trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector. There have been 20 Udall Fellows since the first awards in 1997.

Congressman Udall served in the House of Representatives for three decades, a career distinguished by civility, integrity and consensus. His love for the environment resulted in numerous pieces of legislation, chief among them the Alaska Lands Act of 1980, which doubled the size of the national park system and tripled our national wilderness. Congressman Udall also championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives, using his leadership in Congress to strengthen tribal self-governance.

The 2006 Udall Fellows are:

Gabriel (Gabe) Cumming

Ecology
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Maira McDonald

Geography
University of Minnesota

For more information on the dissertation fellowship, a list of previous fellowship recipients, and more information on the Foundation and related programs please visit: www.udall.gov or contact Jane Curlin at (520) 670-5609 or curlin@udall.gov.